

Job Posting

MICHIGAN STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER OFFICE

ASSISTANT DEFENDERS

Entry-level Staff Attorneys needed at Michigan's State Appellate Defender Office to provide legal representation to indigent defendants in plea appeal cases. Openings at SADO's Detroit and Lansing locations; flexible start dates between June and October.

SADO plea unit attorneys represent clients who wish to withdraw their guilty pleas or challenge their sentences. Representation requires travel throughout Michigan to counsel incarcerated clients and advocate in circuit and appellate courts. Applicants must have outstanding legal research and writing, communication, trial and appellate court advocacy, and negotiation skills. A demonstrated commitment to indigent defense is preferred, as is public service and clerkship experience. Qualified candidates must be admitted or eligible for transfer to Michigan Bar, or able to sit for the July Bar, and must have strong computer skills in MS Word and Adobe.

Starting salary range: \$48-55k. Fringe benefits include health, dental, 401k, and 12 paid holidays. In addition, SADO Assistant Defenders may be eligible for student loan repayment assistance through the John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program: www.michigan.gov/jrj.

For consideration, you must submit a **cover letter stating your office location preference, resume, writing sample, and law school transcripts** by April 2, 2012 to:

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